

PORTO BELLO GOLD

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SYNOPSIS

The story opens in New York, about the middle of the eighteenth century. Robert Ormerod, who tells the tale, is talking to Peter Corlaier, chief of the traders, and man of enormous strength, when Durby McGraw, Irish bonded boy, brings news that a pirate ship is "off the Hook." An old sea captain announces he has been chased by the notorious pirate, Captain Rip-Rap. The older Ormerod tells Robert the pirate is Andrew Murray, his (Robert's) great-uncle, commanding the pirate ship, the Royal James. Murray is an ardent Jacobite. Robert meets a young woman from a Spanish frigate who is seeking her father, Colonel O'Donnell. Murray with a force of sailors visits the Ormerod house. He announces his intention of carrying off Robert, by force, if necessary, promising him a great future. The Royal James and the Walrus, the latter commanded by Flint, Murray's partner, are seen. Robert and Peter board the James. Murray offers Flint a share in the loot of a Spanish treasure ship if he will co-operate with him. Flint insists Robert be left with him as a hostage, while Murray, in the Royal James, takes the treasure ship. The pirate vessels arrive at their rendezvous. A fort and stockade are erected.

CHAPTER IX—Continued

"This true as gospel, Peter," I grumbled. "I hoped in the last this ridiculous plan of Murray's would fall through in some manner, but the man has a damnable determination."

"Ja," agreed Peter. "I think he takes der treasure ship, Bob. Dot's easy."

"Easy? I see not how!"

"Ja, it is easy to take her. But after comes his troubles. Much treasure is bad for pirates. We have troubles after. Suppose we get out tonight. Suppose we get out and back to der James. Ja?"

I looked around me skeptically at the heavy planking and stout timbers of the sides and forward bulkhead.

"It can't be done. 'Twould take a week to break out of this—and the James will be sailing in five or six hours."

"Neen," said Peter. "We get out—any time, we get out."

"How?" I demanded.

He picked up the lantern and led me forward to the bulkhead. The light showed that one of the oaken planks was slightly sprung, leaving an infinitesimal crack between its edge and the uppermost of its fellows.

"Are you planning to pry that off with your finger-nails?" I taunted him.

"Neen," he answered, and conducted me to a corner whence the rats scurried as we approached.

He stirred his foot amongst some rubbish and turned up several long, wrought-iron spikes, such as are used to bolt together the heavier ship-planks.

"Dot's plenty," he said.

I could hardly control the gush of relief that welled up in me.

"I believe it is," I whispered. "But oh, Peter, there is such little time!"

"Enough," he grunted. "Come! We begin."

We listened at the bulkhead for signs of life on the opposite side, but not a sound came through to us, although the clamor on the upper deck and in the poop cabin seemed from our dungeon from overhead. 'Twas stiflingly hot, and Peter's first care was to strip off his buckskin shirt and leggings.

"We got to swim," he said, eyeing them regretfully. "You don't need clothes tonight, Bob."

No! I followed his example, and we felt to work with our spikes upon the sprung plank, the sweat pouring in ridges of moisture from our half-naked bodies, our eyes were sore from the stinging fumes of the smoke and the heat of the fire, and we were as tired as the dogs.

As the last nail yielded to Peter's shoulder the thin sliver of the bolt of the Royal James stole down to us out of the night. Four times it rang "two o'clock!"

"Two o'clock!" whispered Peter. "I wriggled through the gap in the bulkhead, and he passed the lantern after me. Its flame was burning low, but I had sufficient light to determine that I stood in a storehouse crammed with casks of rum, salt meat and ship's biscuit. A door in its forward bulkhead led to another hold of the ship, where were a hatch and ladder leading up to the gundeck. I crept as far as the foot of the ladder and listened to the echoes of the groans of men who slept in hammocks along between the great guns of the battery. That way lay our only path of escape.

I returned to Peter in a mood that was more cheerful, but he was already at work with his spike, hissing like a kettle on the boil as he grubbed away with its blunted point. I was able to be of more assistance to him this time, since from the far side I was possible to exert a greater leverage, since the plank was sprung here. Yet the James motioned when before we were awoken for Peter granted his satisfaction.

"We got there," he said. "What? So much? I sweat I slide me through der hole!"

He was stripped to the buff, and his pink, hairless body was all a glisten-

as he rolled into the opening. His head and shoulders made it easily, but I saw with dismay that his immense paunch was an insurmountable obstacle. He heaved and shoved and twisted. 'Twas no manner of use.

Peter backed out of his predicament to an accompaniment of squeaking grunts, and I followed him, too bitterly disappointed for words. Escape had seemed so easy—and now we were condemned to two months aboard the Walrus, very likely to exceedingly uncomfortable deaths, for I fancied that Flint was the sort of man to lose his queer mixture of fear and respect for my great-uncle as soon as they were out of touch.

"Hold der light here, Bob," said Peter, squatting on the litter on the deck, and he proceeded to extract a splinter from his foot.

"Ja, dot's good!" he went on, standing up. "Well, we don't get out dot way."

He felt his way toward the ladder to the cabin-hatch.

"Always there is another way, Bob. If one way is no good, der other maybe is better. Ja! You see."

He climbed the ladder silently in his bare feet until his great shoulders were directly beneath the square of the hatch, and I heard a faint grinding of straining wood, the cracking of tortured wood.

"Ja," he panted, desisting. "We do dot. Now you be ready, Bob. Jump oop, quick. Maybe we got to kill some fellers, and if we do we don't let them bother."

I could feel his legs quivering above me, the ladder itself vibrating under us. There was a thine, a sudden pop—and the hatch flew up in the air. Peter caught it on the flats of his hands before it could settle again and lifted it back. He was out in a flash, and I was hard on his heels.

We crouched on the main-cabin floor, staring about us for a sign of the pirates. The lights had all burned out, and it was several minutes before our eyes became adjusted to the starshine that sifted through the stern window.

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identified them, too, and his fingers sank into the flesh of my arm, signaling me to stay where I was. He glided past me on to the deck, his body gleaming in the gloom.

"I'm — If I can see as who we has to keep our peepers open," growled the second man.

"Taint long now till morning," replied Jimmy. "What d'ye s'ay to a dash o' rum, matey?"

He half-turned and saw Peter's enormous white bulk hovering over him, and his teeth gleamed as he opened his mouth involuntarily to scream.

"I don't care if—" the second man said.

The Dutchman leaped, and his two arms whipped out. Jimmy's scream died in a guttural cough. He fell flat on the deck, his head under the heel of the Dutchman's foot. He brought their heads together with a crash, and the Dutchman's arm was raised high above his head, ready to strike. They collapsed inert on the deck.

I started for the rail, but Peter claved me.

"Neen, neen," he objected. "First I got me some ports, Bob. And der dog these fellers overboard!"

He was drawing the larger of the two of the stinking garment each one while he talked, and, conquering an instinctive sensation of repugnance, I did likewise.

"Dot's better, ja," remarked Peter complacently. "A little tight, but I don't like to be naked, Bob. 'Neen!"

He rose to his feet, buckling the dead man's belt around him.

"They'll splash!" I warned him as he picked up the big one.

"Nobody hears," he answered.

He lowered the body over the rail feet first, and the splash was less than I had expected. The second body followed with equal expedition, and Peter laid hold of one of several ropes that trailed untidily over the Walrus' side.

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I carefully lifted one foot and sought another handhold and mounted. Peter's legs were steady. I stepped up to the ledge upon which the first man stood with no more difficulty, holding to his feather belt. Then I changed my handhold to a ridge in the carved line of one foot in the arch of the stern and I leaped upward. Peter grunted. That was all.

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Altogether these movements consumed less time than I required to describe them; but when I returned to the stern windows Peter was gone. I leaned out and stared back at the James' creaking wake—and a white arm flashed in a gesture of appeal twenty feet astern. I cast the lead behind him, and he caught the line as it settled into the water, cut the lead free with the dead man's knife at his belt, hooped the slack under his shoulders, and with my feverish help hauled himself back to the shelf above the water line.

I lacked the strength to draw him up; but I fastened my end of the line to the cabin table, which was bolted to the floor, and then, foot by foot, Peter toiled upward. He was so weary at the last that I must pull him through the window, and he fell in a heap across the table, puddling the polished surface, with the seawater that streamed off him and the blood from his scarred hands.

A bottle of the aqua vitae my great-uncle favored stood by his place, and I took this and poured a liberal tot between Peter's lips. He staggered to his feet, blinking his eyes and red as a school miss.

"All right, Bob," he spoke. "I be all right, ja."

His eyes glanced upon the lead-line, still fast to the table's leg, and he stopped and unknotted it and dropped it out of the window.

"We better not stay here," he muttered. "Neen! If Murray sees us—" "Oh, my Gawd!"

Ben Gunn goggled at us from the companionways.

"Drowned, they be!" he gasped to himself. "He done for 'em, Flint did!"

I was afraid he would run out on deck and cry an alarm, and I started for him to prevent this.

"Be still, Ben," I said. "We don't mean to hurt you."

He picked up a little courage when I spoke.

"Taint right for ye to talk," he objected. "I never heard tell as how sperits—"

"We're not sperits," I answered. "We are as alive as you are. Here, feel this!"

He shrank back as I placed my clammy, wet hand upon his neck, but the touch reassured him.

"Ye ain't sperits, says you," he repeated amazedly. "Nor ye ain't dead. And seem as you're here, why, if do stand to reason as how ye ain't aboard the Walrus, which is where ye was and where ye oughter be."

He shook his head.

"This perfectly natural," I retorted. "Master Corlaier and I have escaped from the Walrus."

Ben came a step or two into the cabin and stared hard at Peter. Then he turned a disapproving eye upon the pools of water we had sprinkled on the table and the rich carpet.

"Well, it do look to me 'ee been in der water," he conceded grudgingly. "But ye have nacked up the cabin awful, and der captain will like to 'at me tried to der main for a doren of der cat. Maybe so," he agreed. "But he won't like it that ye come aboard this way."

I looked upon the opening without a ripple.

"Yes, he'll hold it against you, Ben," I said.

"He shivered and I appreciated what my great-uncle's wrath must be."

"Ye wouldn't let him now? Master Ormerod?" he asked. "But he won't want you Ben Gunn to be aboard on der Walrus."

"That I don't," I asserted warmly. "You must have to Ben. Nobody will know if it was not right to do with our coming aboard, and I'll tell you that Murray will not care. I think 'Twas not of his own will he gave us to Ben."

"If ye say dot, dot's ye go up on the poop and tell der captain that?"

"He'll have to send me back to der main first. Two minutes later he'll be sent aboard the Walrus to stay, Ben."

Ben Gunn rolled his head on one side.

"I ain't as sure," he answered. "Maybe that would let der wear seaman's gear and let my hair."

"If I ever command a ship you shall be a lucky seaman aboard her, Ben," I promised. "But if you don't hide us quickly, Ben I'll never be able to make good on it."

He caught my hand to his.

"You've come along of me, Ben. Gunn knows a thing or two, he does. I'll show ye my master. You feel come along of me."

Peter and I stepped after him up the companionway to a door forward of the mainmast, which was occupied, which by way of a steep flight of ladder, stairs to the galley and service quarters, a space partitioned off from the vast sweep of the gundeck. Ben unlocked a lantern from the wall, opened a trap in the deck and signed us to follow him. At the bottom of a second ladder we found ourselves in a forecastle such as had been our prison aboard the Walrus. But there was this difference in our surroundings. That day was clear. The walls were whitewashed, and wooden benches were ranged here and there of wine, ale and rum, and various Indian bottles of various liquors.

"The Murray's wine-cellar," I commented aloud.

Ben Gunn directed the lantern in the middle of the floor and approached his mouth to my ear.

"Aye, and he keeps his treasure

here—when so he he has any," he whispered throatily.

"Dot's he never come here?"

"Not he. Nor the nuygers, neither Only Ben Gunn."

"What shall we do for food?"

Ben wiggled with embarrassment. "Teat you leave that to Ben Gunn. He'll feed ye well, my master. Aye, that he will. And fetch ye clothes from the cabin. But don't 'ee forget the promise, sir. Oh, say ye won't!"

"I won't," I assured him. "But you must get back to the cabin and tidy up the mess we made. Haste, man!"

He scrambled up the ladder as if the devil were after him—or Paradise within view.

And during the two days of our stay in the wine-cellar of the Royal James he was as good as his word. He fed us well. He brought me a sufficiency of clothing. And he procured for Peter a quantity of linen and cotton cloth, with thread and needles, with which the Dutchman fashioned himself garments to cover his inconveniently large body.

On the evening of the second day, having earned from Ben that the James had logged several hundred knots since leaving the Rendezvous, we decided 'twould be safe to appeal

to the captain.

"All right, Bob," he spoke. "I be all right, ja."

His eyes glanced upon the lead-line, still fast to the table's leg, and he stopped and unknotted it and dropped it out of the window.

"We better not stay here," he muttered. "Neen! If Murray sees us—" "Oh, my Gawd!"

Ben Gunn goggled at us from the companionways.

"Drowned, they be!" he gasped to himself. "He done for 'em, Flint did!"

I was afraid he would run out on deck and cry an alarm, and I started for him to prevent this.

"Be still, Ben," I said. "We don't mean to hurt you."

He picked up a little courage when I spoke.

"Taint right for ye to talk," he objected. "I never heard tell as how sperits—"

"We're not sperits," I answered. "We are as alive as you are. Here, feel this!"

He shrank back as I placed my clammy, wet hand upon his neck, but the touch reassured him.

"Ye ain't sperits, says you," he repeated amazedly. "Nor ye ain't dead. And seem as you're here, why, if do stand to reason as how ye ain't aboard the Walrus, which is where ye was and where ye oughter be."

He shook his head.

"This perfectly natural," I retorted. "Master

BETHEL AND VICINITY

Bess & Fox Co. have just received a shipment of lumber, including pine, fir, spruce, poplar, etc.

Mrs. Agnes Barton Haskell of Holyoke, Mass., and Dr. Frank Barton of Boston are guests of E. C. Park and family.

There will be no preaching services on Sunday School at the Methodist church the next two Sundays, Aug. 15 and 22.

Mrs. Minnie Capen has returned home from Boston where she has been receiving medical treatment. She is much improved in health.

The Bess & Fox Co. have added to their stock a good line of builders' hardware, also wall boards, shingles, paper and roofing.

Friends of Dr. David Treadwell of Lewiston will be pleased to learn that he is improving rapidly from a recent operation for appendicitis.

Messrs. Charles Francis, Eugene Clark and Walter Tilton of Bangor, Pa., are guests of Mrs. Francis's sister and husband, Mrs. and Mrs. H. T. Achenbach.

Mrs. F. H. Tord and Miss Edith Moore, who have been spending several weeks with Mrs. Tord's relatives in Massachusetts, have returned home. Mr. Gilbert W. Tord, wife and daughter sojourned with them for a week's visit.

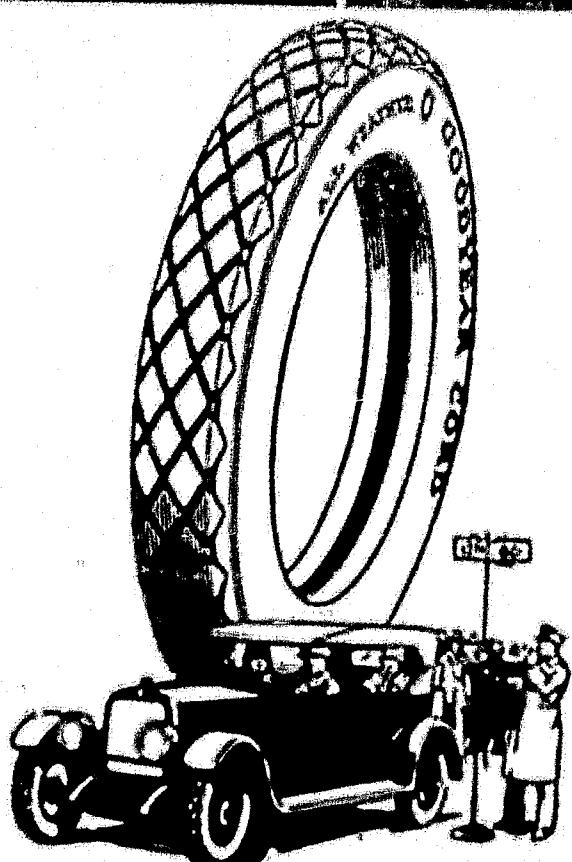
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E. C. Park, Esq. was on a business trip to Newport, Vt., last week. He was accompanied by Mrs. Park and Muriel.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Vandenberg and daughter, Margaret, are spending two weeks in camp at Round Pond, Bangor, Me. Alton Payne is substituting on mail route number three.

Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Tibbette, Mr. and Mrs. A. Van Den Kerkhofen and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Farwell and daughter, Marjorie, were guests of Prof. and Mrs. F. E. Hanson and family at Mechanic Falls, Tuesday evening.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all of those who in any way assisted us by word or deed in our recent bereavement, also for the beautiful floral tributes, and to Rev. S. T. Achenbach for his words of comfort.

Mrs. Martha Kendall,
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ring and family

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Mrs. Martha Kendall,
Miss Edith H. Trask.

NORTH PARIS

Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus Andrews and daughter, Beatrice, and grandson, Harold Andrews, are at Bridgton for a stay of a week.

Mrs. Chester Harlow and three daughters who have been visiting her sister, Mrs. William Littlehale, have returned to their home in Auburn.

Mr. W. W. Andrews was a week end guest of Alfred Andrews and Sunday he visited to Bridgton to see his brother Alpheus, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Andrews and two children accompanied him.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Littlehale and William Littlehale attended the funeral of Chester Andrews, Sunday, at West.

Haying is the order of the day at present.

STATE OF MAINE

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named.

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six. The following matters having been presented for the action thereon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Rumford on the fourth Tuesday of August, A. D. 1926, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

William J. McCrean late of Bethel, deceased, petition for the appointment of Mrs. M. McCrean as administratrix of the estate of said deceased to act without bond presented by said Mrs. M. McCrean, widow.

Paulus E. Lowe late of Bethel, deceased, petition for order to distribute balance remaining in her hands presented by Louise E. Lowe, administratrix. Witness, Henry H. Hastings, Judge of said Court at Paris, this 20th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

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Duty

It is the duty of citizens to do what these words say; they duty, too, to leave nothing that they would do.

Thomas A. Kempe

WEST PARIS

Mrs. Gertrude Verge Aldrich passed away Sunday night at the C. M. G. Hospital, Lewiston, where she has been for several weeks for an operation and treatment. She had been in poor health for a number of months. Mrs. Aldrich was born in Andover and was the daughter of the late Noble Small and Mrs. Eunice Emery Small. She was 43 years of age. She is survived by three daughters, Rowena, Thelma and Virginia Verge, by a former marriage. Resident the mother, Mrs. Small, a brother Herman Small of Braintree, Mass., survives, and an uncle, aunt and cousins.

The remains were brought to West Paris Monday where the funeral was held Wednesday. The interment was at Berlin, N. H. Mrs. Aldrich was a member of the Methodist Church and Ladies' Aid of the Federated Church, and has many friends here who deeply sympathize with the bereaved family.

Mrs. Martha Dunham passed away Wednesday, Aug. 4, from a shock which she suffered a week before. Mrs. Dunham had not been in very good health for the past two years, and last year underwent an operation for cancer, but recovered sufficient strength to go around the house and on the streets.

She was the daughter of James and Sarah Houghton Dunham, and was born June 2, 1846. She married James Dunham, civil war veteran, who passed away several years ago. They lived on the farm now occupied by Fred E. Dunham, and later built the buildings now occupied by Dana Grover, but most of their married life was spent on the farm.

After Mr. Dunham retired from farming they purchased the house on Church Street where Mr. Dunham died, and where she has since resided.

Mrs. Dunham is survived by two stepsons, Will F. Dunham of Lynn, Mass., and Fred E. Dunham of North Paris. There are five grandchildren and several great-grandchildren, beside nephews and nieces.

She was a member of the North Paris Baptist church, and a regular attendant at the Federated Church and Sunday School here. She was also a member of West Paris Grange. Of a social nature she greatly enjoyed meeting people, and the society of her friends who held her in high respect.

The funeral service was held at the Baptist Church Friday afternoon, Rev. R. H. Stone officiating. A choir composed of Miss Berry, Mrs. White, Mrs. Edwards and Cummings, with Mrs. McKen sang, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." There were beautiful flowers. The burial was in the family lot at North Paris cemetery.

Each of those who came to attend the funeral were: Will F. Dunham, Fred Dunham, Mr. and Mrs. Morse, and daughter of Massachusetts, Mrs. Alice Higgins, Mrs. Margaret Brown of Paris, Mrs. Charles Houghton of Bethel, N. H.; Mrs. Harwood and Mrs. Charles of West Paris; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Elwood, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Elwood and Mrs. Park.

Misses Edna Richardson and Ruth Wilkerson, Robert Pease and Edward Harwood are at Paris, Me.

Mrs. Dana Jackson has been a recent guest of her cousin, Mrs. Helen Baker, of North Paris.

Mrs. Louise Cummings of Rochester, Mass., is a guest of her brother, R. H. Verfield, and family.

George Haver of Westington, N. H., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Haver, and other relatives.

Mrs. Edna Verfield is spending a two weeks vacation at Bethel.

Mrs. Ruth McKen of Massachusetts is a guest of the Maine Bath and Spa Tuckers.

Rev. R. H. Stone went Friday to Bangor, Me., and will take a vacation until September.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Parker are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, named Ivan Herbert.

Miss Lillian Young of Bangorville, Me., is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dunham.

Mrs. Ruth Verfield and daughter, Louise, returned to Bethel Monday to spend the week with Mrs. Isaac Verfield and daughter Elsie, from Massachusetts.

Miss Esther Dunham of Bethel is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman W. Dunham.

Paint Kitchen Walls
Painted walls are best for the kitchen, as to cold weather the steam arising on wash days dampens the paper much faster than it will dry, and an increase and causes it to drop off.

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SWEET CLOVER WAX

Where sweet clover is and soils sufficient lime applied to neutralize the soil to a depth of 6 in. An application of 1 ton or 2 tons of finely ground clover is sufficient for. Although fields with it have been known growth of sweet clover usually are rich in humus and are exceptional. Slightly acid surface soils will grow sweet fully, provided the acid than 6 to 12 inches in depth growth is to be ever, sweet clover, ill-games, must be grown on abundance of lime.

Peace, Good



Columbia, Peace and brotherly love have been person. A beautiful young lady was one of three in a pageant staged Philadelphia, celebrating American Independence. Now continues until Dec.

BLIND BABIES OF MAINE NOW CARED FOR FROM DAY OF BLINDNESS

When the Honorable William T. Haines was Governor of Maine, that dates back to 1913, he signed a bill known as the Blind Baby Bill, which has proved perhaps, to be one of the most interesting bills presented during his administration.

This law provides for Blind Babies and any blind child too young to go to Perkins Institute, by sending him to any institution for the blind wherever located including travelling expenses. The appointments of these children are made by the Governor, approved by the Council. Mrs. John Alden, founder of the International Sunshine Blind Babies Homes and Kindergartens, and who was prime mover in getting this bill made a law, reports that the mothers of blind babies, not realizing the necessity of giving their blind children prompt attention, hold on to them until it is too late to help them mentally or physically.

Mrs. Alden urges the club women especially, to make it their duty to search out the young blind in their locality and report them to her that she may assist in placing the little ones for immediate and scientific care. If for any reason, the child is not eligible for the nursery for Blind Babies in Boston, it can be placed in the International Sunshine Home Hospital and Kindergarten in Summit, N. J., with offices at 96 Fifth Avenue, New York City, if the child is hopeful mentally.

The Sunshine is not custodial but educational, if after a baby has been given a trial and it does not develop mentally, it is sent home, and the crib turned over to some other more hopeful one. Maine, like many other States has no special institution for blind babies.

The Sunshine Arthur Home has already mothered blind children from 27 States. It is non-sectarian, purely educational, and maintains the only Summer School for the Baby and Young Blind in the world.

There are no blind babies from Maine there and Mrs. Alden wonders if it is because Maine has no blind babies or if the mothers are ignorant of the law. Mrs. John Alden's address is Room 203, 96 Fifth Ave., New York City. She is the chairman of the Blind of the N. Y. State Federation of Women's Clubs.

SWEET CLOVER WANTS

Where sweet clover is to be sown on acid soils sufficient lime should first be applied to neutralize the acids in the soil to a depth of 4 inches, says the United States Department of agriculture. An application of 1 ton of burnt lime or 2 tons of finely ground limestone will usually be sufficient for this purpose.

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Peace, Goodwill



Columbia, Peace and the Spirit of Brotherly love have been joined in one person, a beautiful woman. This young lady was one of the central figures in a pageant staged at the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition in Philadelphia, celebrating 150 years of American Independence. The Exposition continues until December 1.

LOCKE'S MILLS

John Libby and Stanley Haskell of Auburn were guests of Donald Tebbets, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crockett were in North Buckfield Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Churchill of Mechanic Falls were week end guests of their daughter, Mrs. Donald Tebbets. Mrs. Manley Abbott and daughter are visiting relatives at South Paris.

SOUTH ALBANY

Mr. D. H. Spearin and daughter, Gladys, of Bethel were Sunday callers at James Kimball's.

Mr. and Mrs. Colby Robinson from Bangor were week end guests at Leon Kimball's. Ivan Kimball returned with them for a short visit.

Mrs. Mildred Garroway from Portland has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Howard Allen.

Mrs. Anna Stearns is a guest of W. B. Cummings and family.

Mr. Roy Wardwell was at Farrington's Camp, Lovell, on Thursday, installing a lighting system. Cecil Kimball called at Preston Flint's, recently.

Edwin Bennett is visiting his grandfather, David McAllister, for a few days. Mr. Lynn, the road superintendent, recently called on Roy Wardwell.

WEST GREENWOOD

Martha Lyden and family spent the week end with his sister, Mrs. J. F. Harrington.

Mrs. Richard Belanger returned to Sherbrooke Saturday after spending two weeks with Mrs. William Deardon. Mary Harrington returned to her home after two weeks in Massachusetts. Tom Kennah, Jr., is cutting hay for Eli Stearns, Bethel.

Martha Lyden of Portland spent the week end at John Deegan's. Ernest Cross was a caller in town recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Bix were callers at John Powers at Bryant Pond one day last week.

Mrs. Nellie Cross and daughter spent the week end with her sister in Sanford. Ernest Cole has bought the Ed Cole farm on Howe Hill, but will not move there before fall.

EAST BETHEL

Miss Alice Kimball of Dorchester, Mass., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Edith Howe, for a short vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cleveland Bartlett of Framingham, Mass., are guests of his mother, Mrs. Edna Bartlett, for their usual summer vacation.

Mr. G. M. Bartlett of West Gardiner, Me., was the week end guest of his brother, W. B. Bartlett, and called on friends.

Mr. and Mrs. David Shaw of Arlington, Mass., were recent callers of Mrs. E. M. Kimball, while touring Maine and New Hampshire.

Miss Eva Bean and Miss Gertrude Newson from Portland were over the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bean. While there they all enjoyed a motor tour to Berlin, N. H., and Popham Notch, Conway, from there to Brown Camp, Lovell, and Fryeburg, Me., calling on old time friends at each place.

Mr. W. B. Bartlett is having his farm buildings and home residence shingled. Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Bean have returned home to Phillips after a short vacation with his mother, Mrs. Octavia Bean, who has returned to Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. George Blake and Mr. T. P. Blake of Malden, Mass., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Ellis.

WATER BREAKS THE BACK

Somebody has figured out that a woman living on a certain farm in Maryland walks 440 miles a year as far as from Chicago to Omaha in her daily journey between her kitchen door and the farm pump. Ignoring the question of expended energy which might be put to more profitable use, it is figured that the time this woman spends in her annual 440 mile annual pilgrimage between her hypothetical Chicago and her imaginary Omaha is easily worth \$50 and for \$50 a simple but efficient water supply system could be installed in this farm house. And \$50 a year for several years would put in something elaborate in the way of farm water systems.

The first steps toward such labor saving systems are pictured in a new U. S. Department of Agriculture film, "Turn on the Water," which has been made through the cooperation of the rural engineering specialists of the Bureau of Public Roads. The film aims to point out the problems involved, and to present the give a general idea of the need and the information. The need for such an effort is indicated by the department's statement that for every American farm possessing a modern system of water supply there are ten still using the old back breaking methods.

His Fuel Exhausted

It was quite a distance home from church and little Ted was tired from the walk. At each he could keep up with his father no longer, so he said: "Daddy, won't you please carry me? I'm all out of gas!"

CANTON

Mr. and Mrs. Windsor H. Wyman of No. Abington, Mass., are at their summer cottage, "The Ledges," for an outing. Mrs. Wyman had the misfortune to fracture her left arm the day before she came to Maine.

W. M. Stabbs of Carabasset is a guest of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Small and family of Everett, Mass.

Mrs. James A. Reynolds and nephew, Oliver Redden, of Somerville, Mass., are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Oliver.

Herbert Foote, who had his nose broken and several cuts and bruises in the train wreck at Auburn last week was able to return home the same day and is doing nicely.

Edward Richardson took a party of Pinewood guests to Dixville Notch, Monday.

Clifford, the 18 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bragg of Hartford, who was knocked down by a runaway horse a week or two ago was operated on Wednesday for a fractured skull. He is doing as well as can be expected. Mrs. Morse of Canton and Webster of Lewiston performed the operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Banks took their little son, Austin, to St. Barnabas hospital, Friday for an operation.

Word has been received that Mrs. Martha A. Hathaway of Washington, D. C., is in very poor health.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Briggs of Auburn and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Briggs and two children of Philadelphia have been calling on relatives in town.

A surprise party was given Mrs. Mary S. Reed on her 60th birthday, Wednesday, her nine children and nine of her grandchildren being present. A fine dinner was served and she was the recipient of nice gifts.

Harris Jones and three children of Rumford have been guests of his sister, Mrs. Julia Blouin.

It has been ascertained that Richard Weeman, who is being cared for at the home of A. C. Corbis is one hundred years old instead of 94 as he thought. A record of his birth in the family bible, written by his mother, is May 11, 1826.

Miss M. N. Richardson has just finished a fine oil portrait of Mrs. C. F. English of Brookline, Mass., a guest at Lakewood Camp. Mr. and Mrs. Engle left for home, Saturday.

Roger Glover and Hollis Butterfield who are employed at Atlantic City, N. J., are at their homes on vacation.

A birthday party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kocha, Wednesday, in honor of her birthday. A good number attended and a pleasant afternoon was spent. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson of Unity have been at their home for a day or two.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard H. and Lett daughter, Lucy, visited friends at W. B. Bartlett's, Sunday.

Laurance Fidler has returned home from N. Y. N. Y.

Miss Mayme Bartlett returned to Bethel, Sunday, New York on Sunday.

Mrs. Leslie Roberts and son, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Randall and son, Paul, of Lewiston, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Small and family. Sherman remained for a longer visit.

Mrs. Viola Hathaway, Mr. and Mrs. Edna Hathaway and daughter, Elmer, of Auburn, were guests of the home and son, Mrs. Len A. Harding, Sunday.

W. W. Andrews of Portland has been spending a few days in town.

One Johnson of Wiscasset was at home for the week end.

Lucy Glover is full with chicken pox. A French party was held by the French camp guests at the north end of the lake, Thursday, about 10 o'clock. Water sports were engaged in the afternoon, and a good supper was cooked in the open air. Howard Reed and his estate.

A large crowd was in the hall at the town hall in charge of Mr. F. W. May and a nurse, Miss Baker from Bangor. Thirteen ladies were attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bartlett of Hartford were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bartlett, the first of the week.

The Universalists and held a sale on the church town east Thursday.

Mrs. Marie Howe and son, Herbert, of Orange, N. J., have been guests of her sister, Mrs. A. L. Towell, and family.

Eugene Williams of Hartford is stopping for a time at the home of Mrs. Emma McAllister and family.

Ernest Dunn is visiting in Fanning.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chamberlain of Hartford are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

Miss Eva Hall has returned from a two months visit with friends at Presque Isle.

State Foundations

A little and a newspaper in every house; a good school in every district; all studied and appreciated as they merit are the primary support of virtue, morality, and civil liberty.—Benjamin Franklin.

ANDOVER

MRS. HANNAH M. LITTLEHALE

The funeral services of Mrs. Hannah Marston Littlehale, widow of James B. Littlehale, took place at her home, Sunday afternoon, and were largely attended. Rev. Gardner Wells, pastor of the Methodist church of Rumford Center, conducted the services. There was a profusion of beautiful flowers.

Mrs. Littlehale, who passed away Friday after a short illness of heart trouble was born in Andover 74 years ago, the daughter of the late Samuel and Lucinda (Cutting) Marston. She is survived by one son, Roscoe Littlehale, and one daughter, Mrs. Edward Stuart of Andover, also five grandchildren. She was a member of Lone Mountain Grange, a King's Daughter and was ever ready to assist in any work of these orders and she will be greatly missed by her many friends.

The interment was in the family lot in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Those attending from out of town: Mr. and Mrs. George Cutting, South Paris; Mrs. Beulah Hilton and Mrs. Lucinda Bristol, Bridgton; Mrs. Elmer Clough, Farmington; Mrs. Howard Thurston, Mrs. Althea Eames, Mrs. Asenath Littlehale Parker, Bethel; and Mrs. Grace Moody of Rumford.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Learned, Tuesday morning, Aug. 3, that has been named Philip Thomas Learned. Miss Barbara Cushman is caring for Mrs. Learned and son.

Mrs. Alice Clark, Mrs. Roger Strong and Mr. William Bragg of Melrose, Mass., have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thurston.

The Farm Bureau was held in the hall, Thursday, Aug. 5, with 22 members present. Miss Elsie Bradeen, the new H. D. A., was present and taught steniling. A number of cushions, runners, curtains and scarfs were steniled. Lunch was served at noon and the meeting for September will have chair seating for its subject.

Mrs. Clayton Sweatt has been entertaining her daughter-in-law, Mrs. John H. Sweatt, and little grandson, Junior.

Mrs. H. W. Jank and two children of Hyde Park, Mass., have been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. H. Crocker at East Andover.

Mrs. Paul Hall, Mrs. Olive Akers and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Akers visited a trip to Ogunquit, Sunday, Aug. 1, and were the guests of Victor Akers while there.

Mr. J. B. Farrow of Rumford Center has moved his family into Mrs. Anna Akers' home and will work for the Elderly People's Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Thurston, of Andover, are visiting the parents, Ralph D. Thurston and family. They spent Sunday at Mr. Thurston's home at South Paris.

NORTH NEWRY

Mrs. Walter Farrow and daughter, Ruth, were callers at W. B. Wright's, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Amy Roberts who has been staying in Bethel for a week at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. E. Wight, returned home.

L. E. Wight and family motored to Orange, N. H., Tuesday, where they were week end guests of E. E. Wight and family.

Mrs. Helen W. Hunter and son, Richard, of New York, who have been visiting at W. B. Wight's, started for home Monday.

Leslie Fuller and family of Upton attended church here Sunday.

Mrs. F. W. Wight is spending a few days in Massachusetts with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stearns and children of Hanover were callers at L. E. Wight's Sunday.

Mrs. P. W. Learned and son of Rumford were at Herbert Morton's, Sunday. Miss Catherine Hutchins called on her parents in Andover Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Haines of Oakland, Maine, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Vail last week.

WEEDS AND INSECTS

WORK TOGETHER

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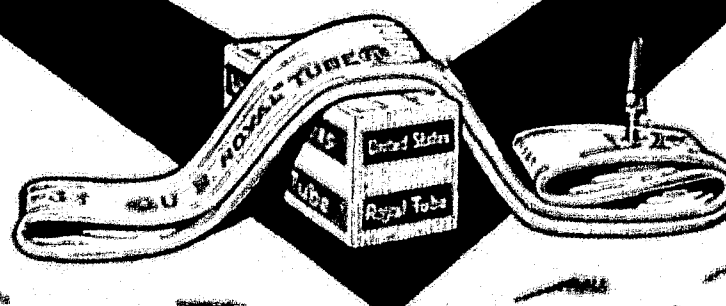
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Announcement

I wish to announce that on and after Tuesday, August 17, my chiropractic office will be open Tuesdays and Fridays at the residence of Mrs. M. A. Godwin, Church Street.

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PLAYING THE PART OF PEACEMAKER

By FRANK FILSON

(By W. G. Chapman.)

WHEN Uncle Will came back from the West at forty-five, with a sack of money, we were delighted that he should think of spending the winter at the old homestead where he had not been in an appearance for ten years. "But what gets me," he said, "is the way you folks here quarrel. Seems to me as though you hadn't time to do anything else, and fight it."

"If you are referring to George Bailey, uncle," I began.

"No, no," answered Uncle Will, "it's not that. You won't get any more candy from me. What do you care about George Bailey? He isn't all good enough for you, and I'm not you had a falling out."

"He is!" I cried indignantly. "He's the finest boy in Surbiton." And then Uncle Will gave me one of his maddening smiles and walked away.

It was true enough what he had said, though. We did have trouble in Surbiton. It was what you call a quarrelsome village, and everybody said it was a fool to let George go. But he humiliated me so, dancing with Miss Florence Smith twice that night, and only giving me eleven pence. And we had just become engaged.

Uncle Will was a Surbiton man. They said in his young days he had been engaged to Miss Barrett, the school teacher. If he had, nobody was the wiser. He and Miss Barrett greeted each other just as calmly as though they had always been acquaintances and there had never been anything else between them. And what puzzled me was how Uncle Will could want to put in so long a time at Surbiton. Instead of making for the white lights of the city, with his son to spend.

Now I come to my story. It was about three weeks after Uncle Will returned that Surbiton was electrified by an itinerant peddler who came along the street. Peddler is perhaps a wrong way of describing him, for he had nothing to sell. He drove a broken-down horse and sat inside a buggy with a closed top. When he reached Mr. Perkins' vacant lot he unhitched the horse and turned it out to graze. Then he took down the top of the buggy and hoisted his sign:

WILLIAM ITT
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Naturally half the village was around Mr. Itt's wagon in about ten minutes, gazing.

"What's it mean?" asked Mr. Perkins, who didn't like peddlers pitching on his lot, though he was too kindhearted to show them away.

"The International and Intercolonial Peacemaker," says Mr. Itt, who was a little, stumpy, dried-up man. "I make peace. Bring on your quarrels. Now!"

"Why don't he try to make up between Jim Barnes and his wife?" asked one of the wags. But Mr. Itt took a serious view of the situation.

"This ain't no joke, ladies and gents," he said. "It's a respectable profession, mine is. It's a necessary one, too. There's far too much quarreling in these days. I made peace last week between the mayor of Heddles and his lady, and the town's been clean of graft ever since. Now ladies and gents, my fee is a dollar, and my tent's open by appointment at any hour after dark, when you can come in quietlike and nobody will see you."

Well, that raised a laugh, but would you believe it, Sadie Roach, car maid, declared that she saw Mr. Itt, Mrs. Barnes stealing away out of Mr. Itt's tent, looking as pleased as a courting couple the next morning. As the days went by and Mr. Itt remained, it certainly seemed that an improvement had come to Surbiton. As who hadn't been on speaking terms for years began to say "Hello" to each other, and spite fences were taken down, and nobody complained when the neighbors' chickens got into his garden any more.

Well, what happened next scared me. I was strolling near Mr. Itt's tent, just by chance, you understand, when the little man came out and accosted me.

"Mademoiselle!" he said, eyeing me up and down. "For that is the only word suit for the abroad little hob he made, 'mademoiselle' is of service to you."

My heart went into my mouth and I couldn't find any words with which to answer him.

"If you was to come to my tent about eight o'clock tonight," said Mr. Itt, "I might be able to help you know yourself. You have trouble in your heart, mademoiselle. I can travel in the third line of your right hand, running from the Mount of Hercules to the state of Lure."

And with these enigmatical words he beat a retreat into his tent, leaving me decidedly annoyed and a little humiliated.

I knew he couldn't possibly have heard about me and George, because our engagement had been kept a profound secret outside the family, and only the relations and the servants knew about it, and they wouldn't have breathed a word to anybody. However, I began to get played by Mr. Itt's words, and about eight o'clock

that night, finding myself—quite by chance, you understand—in the vicinity of Mr. Itt's tent, I thought I would drop in to see whether there really was anything in what he had said about the Mount of Hercules.

Though it had begun to dawn on me that I had had my hands in my muff and that he hadn't seen them at all.

Mr. Itt seemed to have been waiting for me, for hardly had I drawn near his tent when he was outside, seizing me by the hands.

"You have come," he said. "I am glad you have come, Mademoiselle, you remind me of my dear friend his excellency (Ching Foo, the grand viceroy of Tartary, who had a fearful quarrel with his wife last week over the spending money. He came to me."

"Mr. Itt," he said, "I have had a row with my wife and I wish I were dead. She wants a hundred yen a week to buy her own clothes with. What would you do?"

"Give her two hundred," I answered, and he saw the justice of it and went away happy. They're reconciled now."

Mr. Itt's views seemed sensible to me, but all the while he was repeating this absurd patter he kept glancing back nervously over his shoulder, as though he were expecting somebody. And as he ended he made an abrupt little dive into the tent and pulled the flap to. I heard a murmur of voices inside, and I wondered whether I had happened along when another couple was there.

And I was still wondering when, to my amazement, somebody put his hands over my eyes.

And now my heart began to pitter-patter. Yes, it was George.

"I'm so sorry, sweetheart," he said. "I see how wrong I was to dance twice with Florence Smith. I'll never look at her again. Mr. Itt persuaded me that I had been a fool. Won't you forgive me, dearest?"

"Well, I was considerably hurt, but then I felt something being squeezed over my finger, and it felt like that half-hoop of diamonds, which I had loved so much, and which I had intended to have enlarged the day before I gave it back to George. So what could I do?"

We had the happiest time there, and then we decided that we ought to thank Mr. Itt. It seemed too wonderful to be true. So we went up to the tent and called.

Mr. Itt seemed to be scolding somebody. I thought, and he didn't hear my voice. I wanted to thank him and so I opened the tent door. And who do you think were inside? Uncle Will and Miss Barrett.

Uncle Will was on his knees before her, and her face was as hard as stone. Just then Uncle Will saw us, and he sprang to his feet, looking rather foolish.

"Go away, you young vipers!" he bellowed. "What do you mean by intruding upon—why, it's little Lydia! And George!"

Somehow instinct told me just what to do at that moment. I went up to Miss Barrett and kissed her and placed her hands in Uncle Will's.

Suddenly Miss Barrett's face softened, and a minute later she was crying in Uncle Will's arms. Uncle Will said afterward that it must have been the force of our example. I think this was correct. But would you ever believe that Uncle Will had hired Mr. Itt for the performance? That's what Aunt Rose Barrett Templeton says. And Uncle Will doesn't deny it. He says he's got such a good wife he doesn't want to remember the trouble he had in getting her.

Strangely enough, George said something like that to me yesterday.

Try Engineer's Method for Solving Problems

Every business executive will find something of value in certain laws, factors which are applied to engineering. Gerard Swope, president of the General Electric Company, says in Forbes Magazine:

"We must use analytical processes of thought to examine conditions before we can be assured of reaching correct conclusions, and the engineer has been trained to make his analysis as a precedent to reaching a correct solution. The application of the word 'engineering' to his present use is very broad, but its sense remains the same. Engineering has become a comprehensive term which covers a constant search for better methods whether they concern study, rote in mental processes, critical analysis, the introduction of out-of-the-way ideas in labor-saving devices, or any other constructive effort. It also points out to a man a definite goal, shows him how to shape his efforts and makes the way by which he may attain the object."

If we divide our problems into successive steps as an engineer would, the conditions are immediately clarified. An engineer studies the object to be achieved, analyzes his materials and then determines how they can be used most economically and to the best advantage. Most problems may be divided into three parts, generally speaking. First, a correct analysis and the drawing of conclusions as to the right course of action, second the decision as to the most advantageous manner of carrying it out; and third, the independence and courage necessary to follow the outlined course."

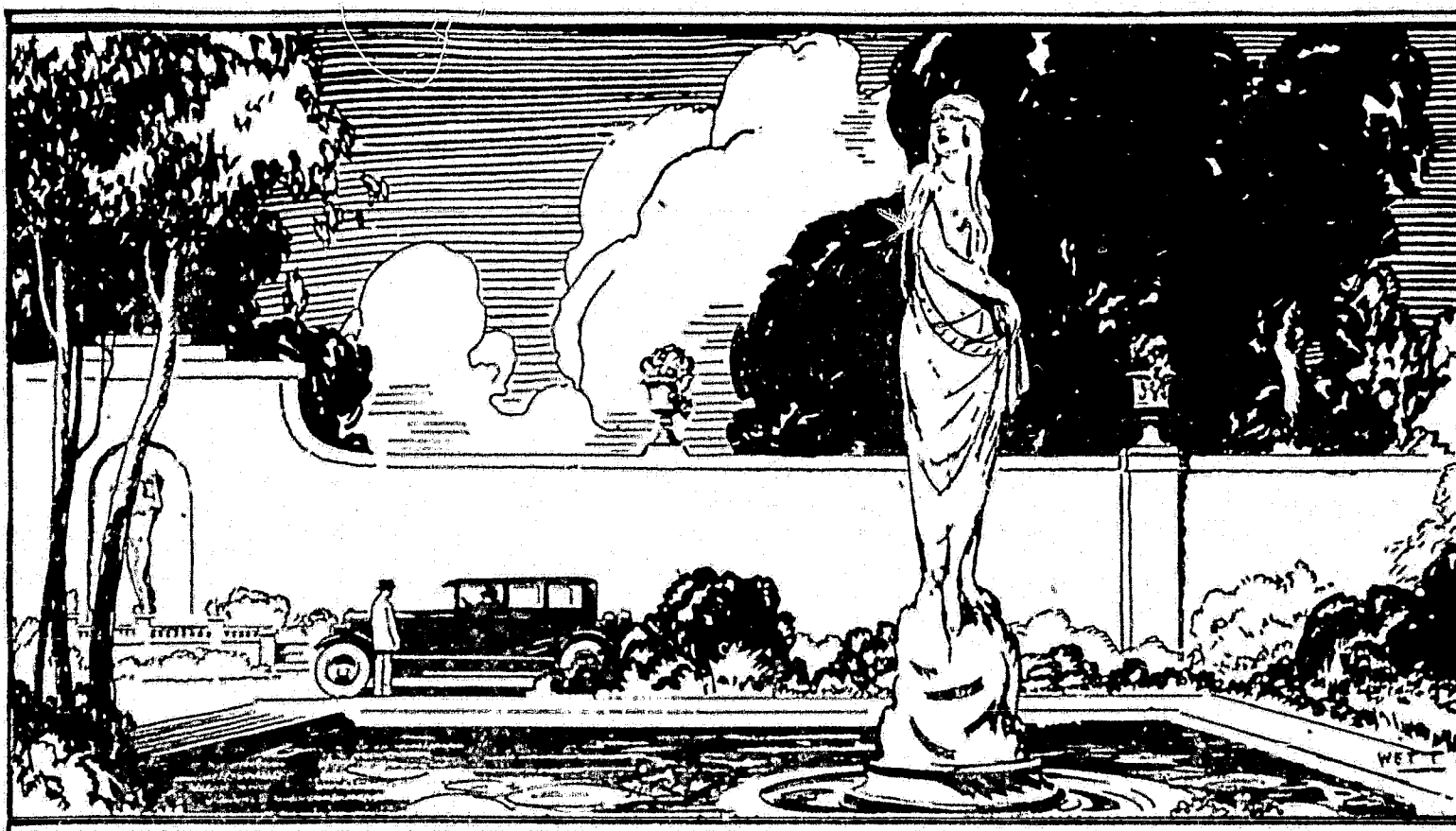
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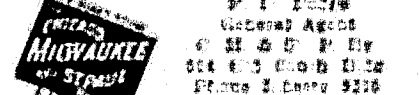


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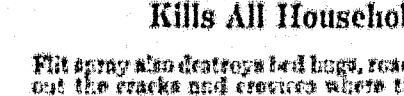
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